

En 203 Special Topics in English 3 credits

This course allows for a study of specific issues as determined by the needs and interests of students and that of English staff and visiting instructors.

English as a Second Language

The primary purpose of the courses in English as a Second Language is to prepare students to mainstream into academic work. These courses are designed to help students master the English language skills necessary for success in college-level study.

ESL 101 ESL Fundamentals NC

This year-long course introduces beginning students to basic structures and vocabulary of the English language through the skills of reading, speaking and listening. Students expand oral comprehensibility and become immersed in the culture as they examine American history and traditions.

ESL 102 Introductory Writing 3 credits

This course is designed to teach beginning level ESL students' instruction in grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, paragraph development, essay development, and critical thinking skills. Students will improve writing skills by learning to use simple and complex sentences in developing the writing process. The Rosetta Stone Program[®] is used in class and at home for practice in speaking and listening and for developing vocabulary, grammar, and writing skills.

ESL 103 Introductory Reading 3 credits

This basic course in reading aims to help students build reading skills such as word recognition, expressing main ideas, context study, the ability to formulate questions on readings of different genres, and to summarize and analyze texts. This course prepares students to successfully read and report on topics of an academic nature. Phonics is used in learning to read and comprehend the English language.

ESL 104 Intermediate Writing 3 credits

This course reinforces the essentials of grammar, sentence structure, builds vocabulary, and integrates grammar instruction with writing practice. Students learn how to write effective, meaningful compositions and essays to persuade, compare/contrast, and narrate, skills which can be applied to academic writing across the curriculum. Rosetta Stone Program[®] and other computer based programs enhance the curriculum.

ESL 105 Intermediate Reading 3 credits

This course uses contemporary literature to increase comprehension skills and vocabulary building, the ability to question, summarize, analyze, and write critically about literature of different genres. The internet is used to view performances of several literary pieces. Intensive and extensive reading, in class and independently, enables the students to build confidence in their academic commitments.

ESL 106 Advanced Writing 3 credits

This course focuses on grammar skills, vocabulary development, correct usage, sentence structure, mechanics of writing, and the ability to critically analyze various topics in literature. The use of internet programs enhances the learning process. Students develop the ability to organize, outline, and write coherent paragraphs and compositions.

ESL 107 Advanced Reading 3 credits

This course is designed for students to gain mastery of the skills needed for academic study in pre-reading, comprehension, understanding contextual critical reading through story clues, and recognizing inferences and parallels in literary works. Computer-based programs extend and improve the learning process.

Fine Arts

The courses in the following section guide students toward an understanding and enjoyment of the visual and performing arts. They concentrate on the best known examples of global achievement, providing insight into the variability and richness of human creativity.

Hi 098 Cultural Foundations**NC**

This course helps students to gain a foundation in the history and geography of the world by acquiring an understanding of vocabulary and experience of world societies and culture. Basic map skills, readings, visual presentations, lectures, and experiences provide students with the background necessary for college-level history studies.

Hi 101 World Civilization I**3 credits**

Beginning with the creation of the world this course travels through the earliest beginnings of humans on the planet in prehistoric times and ends with the historical time of the Middle Ages in Europe and the parallel events in Asia and Africa. Classes attempt to introduce students to the earliest civilizations and all the aspects of culture as they unfold over time. Emphasis is placed on the developments in multiple areas of culture, especially the origins of the major religions of today: Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism.

Hi 102 World Civilization II**3 credits**

Beginning with the European Renaissance and its effect on other parts of the world, this class continues the themes of cultural developments initiated in World Civilization I. World-wide interactions increase as transportation and communication methods grow allowing both positive and negative interactions between cultures and peoples leading up to the mass communications of today.

Hi 201 The Church: Its Nature and History**3 credits**

This course is a survey of the theology and history of the Church from the Apostolic Period to the 21st century, including doctrinal, institutional, and spiritual developments, and the significance of Vatican Council II on contemporary Christianity. See also Th 201.

Hi 202 Special Topics in History**3 credits**

This course allows for a study of specific issues as determined by the needs and interests of students and that of History staff and visiting instructors.

Education

Courses in education are designed to broaden students' awareness and understanding of personal and communal health and to provide a foundation in the use of computers and library information skills necessary for students' development in future professions.

Ed 097 Computer Literacy NC

This course provides the fundamental skills needed to use a personal computer. Basic concepts of hardware, software, peripherals, and operating systems are covered. This course explains creating, saving, and organizing files to local and remote storage devices. This course teaches basic concepts of word processing, presentation, and spreadsheet software. Calendaring and communicating via email are also covered.

Ed 098 Keyboarding NC

This course introduces the student to the alpha-numeric computer keyboard and touch typing. Correct technique and proper posture is emphasized.

Ed 099 Library Information Resources NC

This course introduces the student to the basics of library usage, online library catalogs and systems including EBSCOHost Research Databases. Students are also introduced to the basics of MLA bibliographic citation, copyright laws, understanding and avoiding plagiarism.

Ed 101 Health and Wellness I 1 credit

In this course students broaden their understanding of personal, communal, and global health and wellness issues from a holistic perspective.

Ed 102 Health and Wellness II 1 credit

This course introduces students to the role of technology in screening for common health issues in women and personal and community

health management, as well as their role in impacting a health issue of importance to their community. Topics include: health and wellness management, components of physical fitness, nutrition and weight, and stress management.

Ed 103 Personal Computer Applications 3 credits

In this course students will learn to use word processing software, presentation software and be introduced to spreadsheets in a personal computer environment. Cloud computing will be used for file management and organization.

Psychology

The courses in psychology study the development of the human personality in its individual and social aspects.

Ps 101 General Psychology 3 credits

This is a basic course in the history, theories, principles, and methods of the psychological study of human behavior. Topics will include a brief history of psychology, critical thinking, human development, motivation, emotion and stress, personality, social psychology, and psychopathology as examined through the biopsychosocial perspective.

Ps 202 Developmental Psychology 3 credits

This course surveys the physical, intellectual, emotional, and social developmental stages of the human being from conception through aging. The course will examine the genetic, environmental, and socio-cultural influences on development.

Ps 204 Special Topics in Psychology 3 credits

This course allows for a study of specific issues not covered by existing courses as determined by the needs and interests of students and that of Psychology staff and visiting instructors.

Division of Theology and Philosophy

Theology and philosophy are the integrating inspiration of the curriculum, offering an insight into the relationship between unity and truth. They direct the student toward a clearer knowledge of the

Catholic faith and an appreciation of its intelligibility.

Theology

The courses in theology offer students the opportunity to explore religious truth and faith, especially as embodied in the Catholic faith. Students are invited to discover the significance of Divine Revelation in shaping a theological understanding of the ultimate questions. Through the study of theology, students strengthen their desire to give themselves to the service of God in the Church.

Th 098 Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith NC

This course offers a simple, but thorough, overview of the Catholic faith through consideration of major theological topics from the viewpoint of Scripture, Tradition, the teaching of the magisterium, and the experience of the faithful.

Th 101 Sacred Scripture I 3 credits

This course is a survey of the Sacred Writings shared by the Jewish and Christian communities, through an examination of selected books from the Old Testament. It presents an overview of the background, formation, methods of interpretation, and message of the various types of Old Testament writings. Using the historical-critical method of biblical interpretation, students are given the tools for unlocking the beauty and depth of God's revelation and what it means for us in our everyday lives.

Th 102 Sacred Scripture II 3 credits

In this course students will encounter the person and message of Jesus Christ, the Word of God, as handed down to us from the early Christian community. It focuses on the study of the four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, selected Letters, and the Book of Revelation. Using the historical-critical method of scriptural interpretation, students will become acquainted with the background, formation, and contemporary approaches to New Testament scholarship in order to draw deeply from the richness of these sacred writings.

Th 104 Methods of Catholic Catechesis 3 credits

This course is an introduction to the basic principles, content, and practice of Catholic catechetical teaching. It presents the historical development of catechesis from the New Testament times to the present and the basic catechetical documents of the Church. It includes both content and methodology and draws upon the norms laid out in the National Directory for Catechesis. It includes a practicum which enables the students to apply the principles and methods they are learning in actual catechetical teaching to children and teenagers.

Th 201 The Church: Its Nature and History 3 credits

Beginning with the life of Jesus this class introduces students to the growth of the Church from Pentecost to the present day. From the infant Church in Israel to the global Church of post-Vatican Council II the structures, doctrines, and spiritual developments are examined. The effects of cultures and history are also studied.

Th 202 Sacramental Theology 3 credits

This course is an in-depth study of the scriptural, theological, and historical dimensions of the seven sacraments, including the rite and celebration of each sacrament. It draws upon the insights of patristic, medieval, and modern theologians to uncover the fundamental principles of sacramental theology. The nature of the liturgy, sacred time and space, sacramental symbol, and sacramental grace are examined in the context of a Trinitarian, Christological, and Ecclesial framework. Particular attention is paid to the renewed understanding of the role of the sacraments in our ongoing spiritual growth.

Th 203 Fundamental Moral Theology 3 credits

Based on the scriptural, philosophical, and theological principles of morality, this course introduces the students to the historical development of moral teaching in the Catholic Church. It treats such topics as the human person, natural law, conscience, the principle of double effect, freedom, sin, and moral living as the response to God's love. Contemporary moral issues are evaluated in light of these

brought to a deeper understanding of Mary's role in the history of salvation and of her place in the Church as the first and most faithful disciple of Jesus, our companion in our own faith journey.

Th 208 Special Topics in Theology 3 credits

This course allows for a study of specific issues as determined by the needs and interests of students and that of Theology staff and visiting instructors.

Philosophy

Inherent in the rational and humanistic core of the Catholic faith, the philosophy offered at ACS seeks to develop students' potential for critical intellectual skills necessary in all academic fields, to discover and examine assumptions, to recognize various approaches to reality, to appreciate the dignity of the human person, and to find deeper meaning in existence and the moral life.

Ph 203 Philosophy of the Human Person 3 credits

This course is an overview of comparative theories of human nature. It takes a global approach to the study of human nature, including both western and eastern ancient theories, medieval theories, and contemporary theories, including Confucianism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Plato, Aristotle, Aquinas, Kant, Marx, Stein, Sartre, and Jung. It examines elements necessary for human flourishing, such as the ethical life, intellectual life, and human freedom, subjectivity within harmonious relationships, human individuation, contemplation, ontological unity, and immortality of the soul.

Ph 205 Historical Introduction to Philosophy 3 credits

This course explores the basic philosophical questions regarding the relationship between the One and the many, the nature of truth and knowledge, the relationship between philosophy and theology, existence and being, the limits of human reason, and the possibility of knowing mystery. It will include major thinkers from ancient, medieval, modern, and contemporary philosophy.

Ph 207 Special Topics in Philosophy

3 credits

This course allows for a study of specific issues as determined by needs and interests of students and that of Philosophy staff and visiting instructor.

